

ABSTRACT

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~~There is disclosed a~~ A pipe joint, and a method of forming a pipe joint between two metallic pipes which have been internally and/or externally coated with a material to prevent corrosion. The joint includes a spigot and a socket. ~~[[.]]~~ The ~~[[the]]~~ socket ~~having~~ has, or being is formed with, an internal circumferential groove (6) that provides a seating for an elastomeric sealing ring (8) ~~[[.]]~~. ~~forwardly of which groove an~~ An extension or lip (13) is ~~provided forward from the groove~~ which provides a welding location (14) remote from the sealing ring. The coating on the end of the socket if necessary is removed to facilitate welding, ~~and the~~ The spigot has a heat sink member (9) to enable the lip of the socket to be welded to the metal of the spigot.